Silt clearing in channels by the raiyats of villages through which the channels pass.

Mr. Veeney Rangasamy Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

The annual silt clearing of channels which is being now carried out by Public Works Department is not satisfactorily done. It is therefore prayed that the amount allotted for the purpose be distributed among several villages through the Amildars and the work done by the raiyats of the respective villages as this will be done in a more satisfactory manner by the raiyats, who will take much interest and do the same very satisfactorily.

Reply of Government.—The obligation to remove the silt in the case of river channels has been dispensed with. Exemption from the liability to remove weeds is unnecessary. When the Village Panchayats are organized, they will be able to attend to such matters.

SUBJECT No. 135.

Repairs to feeders to tanks and control of water-supply from tanks.

Messrs. B. Kesava Iyengar and Kesavadas Iyengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion. (*a*) Prior to Survey Settlement, Amildars were getting feeders to tanks cleared and repaired by the raiyats. Subsequently the raiyats thought that this work was to be done by Government and so gave it up. The Public Works Department authorities repair the sluice, weir and bund of tanks and not their feeders. Subsequent to Survey Settlement cultivation has increased owing to increase in population, railway and other conveniences, rise in prices of food grains, etc. Feeders to tanks may be repaired by Government when the cost thereof is high and by raiyats in other instances.

(*b*) Just when the crops are in ear there is inadequate water-supply and so crops fail. Cultivation may therefore be permitted according to the quantity of water in each tank. When the supply of water is less, a register should be kept showing the distribution of water to lands and the same enforced by *Nirgantis* or other villagers where there are no *Nirgantis*.

Reply of Government.—Provision will be made for a more effective system of distribution of water in the new scheme which will be introduced for the proper administration, management and improvement of tanks.

SUBJECT No. 136.

Preservation of gomals.

Messrs. Appajigowda, Nelamangala Taluk and Madappa, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The grant of gomals to villages having no gomals and the prevention of giving existing gomals for cultivation may be enforced.

Reply of Government.—A sufficient extent of gomal land is allotted to each village at the time of Survey settlement, and its grant for cultivation is not made so as to interfere with the grazing rights of the villagers.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Division of gomal lands of villages into two classes and permitting grazing on them by rotation of one year each.

Mr. H. V. Bhima Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Gomal lands have been allotted to every village, in many cases quite inadequate to the demand. The absence of any definite system of grazing has rendered these lands less useful in the matter of supplying pasture. Cattle are allowed to graze in season and out of season throughout the whole area, without allowing sufficient time for the grass to grow. It is therefore requested